

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 7. (canceled)

Claim 8. (new) A loose-lay floor tile which has on a back face a nonskid backing material obtained by solidifying a paste sol comprising a plasticizer and at least one polyvinyl chloride-based resin selected from the group consisting of a polyvinyl chloride, a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate and a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate.

Claim 9. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 8, wherein the paste sol further comprises a foam stabilizer of a hydrophobic type, and a foamed material obtained by mechanically foaming and then solidifying the paste sol so as to be disposed on the back face of the tile.

Claim 10. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 8, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a copolymer of

vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate which comprises about 3 to 10% by mole of vinyl acetate as a monomer unit.

Claim 11. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate which comprises about 3 to 10% by mole of vinyl acetate as a monomer unit.

Claim 12. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 8, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate comprising about 1.5 to 5% by weight of polyvinyl acetate.

Claim 13. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate comprising about 1.5 to 5% by weight of polyvinyl acetate.

Claim 14. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 15. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 10, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 16. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 11, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 17. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 12, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 18. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 13, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 19. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 15, wherein a content of the phthalic acid-based plasticizer is about 50 to 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyvinyl chloride-based resin.

Claim 20. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 16, wherein a content of the phthalic acid-based plasticizer is about 50 to 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyvinyl chloride-based resin.

Claim 21. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 20, wherein the phthalic acid-based plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate and diisononyl phthalate.

Claim 22. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 20, wherein the foam stabilizer of a hydrophobic type comprises a silicone-based surfactant.

Claim 23. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 21, wherein the foam stabilizer of a hydrophobic type comprises a silicone-based surfactant.

Claim 24. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the foamed material has an expansion rate of about 1.5 to 4.

Claim 25. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 13, wherein the foamed material has an expansion rate of about 1.5 to 4.

Claim 26. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 24, wherein the foamed material is disposed in a manner such that said foamed material forms stripes on the back face of said tile.

Claim 27. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 18, wherein the foamed material is disposed in a manner such that said foamed material forms stripes on the back face of said tile.